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## Work Starts On Eatery Near Post

Solution of the meal problem for visitors to McGuire patients as well as for the hospital personnel during off-duty hours is in the offing with announcement today of construction of a streamlined restaurant to take shape just off the post in the McGuire Park apartments area.

Work on the new restaurant, which will serve 200 persons, begins today and is scheduled for completion in exactly one month.

The restaurant will offer menus for all three meals. No meagerly equipped lunch counter type of affair, the new eatery will be leased to one of Richmond's or Washington's leading restaurateurs. Prices will be in strict accordance with OPA ceilings for food prices in similar establishments.

The new restaurant is first in a group of retail businesses projected for serving the McGuire Park community and hospital personnel.

## Pin-Up Hostess To Be Chosen at USO News Program

In anniversary of the first newspaper ever published in the United States, the Grace Street USO Club will hold a special Newspaper Night next Tuesday, during which Pin-Up USO Hostess for 1945 will be selected by a committee of camp editors from this area.

Cpl. Bernard Asbel, BANNER editor, will serve as a judge. In addition, the BANNER will sponsor a display of past issues and special features.

A special publication will be issued for the commemoration, bearing articles which will reveal behind-the-scenes newspaper operations, written by service editors.

A gala dance will follow the Pin-Up selection, while a collection of 350 metropolitan papers from the United States, Canada, Alaska, and Hawaii will be on hand for examination by guests.

## Purple Hearters Declared Surplus May Get Discharge

Enlisted men wounded in combat may, upon their return to the United States, request a discharge from the service and get it—if they meet the qualifications as listed by a recent War Department announcement.

The qualifications, for those other than the men who returned to the U.S. for temporary duty, require (1) that they be classified as permanently limited assignment, (2) that they have been awarded the Purple Heart and (3) that they have been determined as surplus to the army.

Final determination of a soldier's status will mainly be dependent on provision No. 3 since no soldier will be discharged if an assignment is available appropriate to his grade, if such assignment would release another soldier for overseas duty,



TORCHES OF FREEDOM NEVER DIE

## New Booklet Offers Dope On Furlough Extensions

Detailed instructions on methods to be followed by patients desirous of obtaining furlough extensions are contained in a mimeographed pamphlet to be given every man when he leaves the hospital on extended visits.

Prepared by Lt. Pat. R. Brewer, commanding officer of the detachment of patients, the small booklet outlines the steps a patient should take if he requires more time at home.

"If, while you are away, something develops to prevent you from returning on time, by all means be sure to wire your commanding officer, detachment of patients," the pamphlet says. "If possible, he'll grant your extension to take care of the situation that has arisen.

"Remember that a charge of AWOL is something serious. It not only endangers your privileges, but reflects against your organization. Your buddies want furloughs, too.

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## Bond Reservation Increases Near \$1000 Milestone

Military personnel at McGuire—officers, enlisted men and Wacs—have boosted their combined Class B allotments by \$840 since the opening gun of the Seventh War Loan, Lt. Velma R. White, War Bond officer, announced today. Civilians have further hiked McGuire monthly savings in War Bonds by \$110 in April and \$76 in allotments to take effect in May. The civilian figure would have been higher, Lt. White disclosed, had not some employees cancelled or decreased their reservations.

With emphasis being placed on the National Payroll Savings Campaign until May 14th, the service command goal for civilian payroll deduction has been raised from 12 per cent to 15 per cent of the total payroll.

"The goal is high," Lt. White declared, "but it can be reached if every employee will lay as much away for his own and his country's future as he can possibly afford."

The \$840 in new and increased allotments by military personnel is broken down to \$682.50 from officers, \$108.75 from enlisted men and \$48.75 from Wacs.

Announcing that civilian participation in the pay reservation plan in the Third Service Command is now 95%, Maj. Gen. Philip Hayes, Commanding General, called upon all personnel to go over the top.

## Gas Cut for Drivers Near New Bus Line

Curtailment of the supplementary gasoline ration issued to McGuire civilians and staff members residing within reasonable walking distance of the new McGuire-Forest Hill-Westover Hills bus line has been announced by Lt. James T. Remley, purchasing and contracting officer.

The new order, effective upon the date of ration renewals, will affect approximately 23 persons—including Lt. Remley—who live along the bus route between McGuire and the city terminus at the Boulevard and Devonshire Road.

According to statistics compiled by the local ration board, the new regulation will save about 226 gallons of gas per month.

Exceptions to the rule in this case include those whose hospital duties necessitate frequent trips to and from the hospital during the day and those whose duties at night are not covered by the bus schedule.

However, Lt. Col. William H. L. Westbrook, Jr., post executive officer and chairman of the ration panel, disclosed that all such cases of application will be thoroughly investigated before the extra gas is issued.

The bus line, which started operating last Sunday, will make five round trips daily between McGuire and Forest Hill and Westover Hills sections, with more trips being added if needed. The five buses leave the city terminus at 7:30 a. m., noon, 5:10, 6 and 9:40 p. m.

Fare for the one-way trip is ten cents.

## 'Winged Victory' On the House

Any soldier wishing to see a free edition of "Winged Victory" on the stage of the Mosque, walk, don't run, to the Red Cross information desk (patients) or the detachment orderly room (duty soldiers) and sign up quick. Only 150 soldiers can go—75 tonight and 75 Friday night.

Transportation will be provided each night from the Red Cross auditorium at 7:15 p. m. sharp. Anyone not showing up by then cannot be admitted with the group.

The McGuirites will be guests of the cast's commanding officer, as arranged by the Special Services Office.

## "Ernie Pyle Quite a Guy," Says Stars and Stripes Vet

BY SGT. DICK BRUNER

Ernie Pyle was quite a guy. For instance, there was the time Ernie returned to the States for a short vacation at the conclusion of the Tunisian campaign and was offered \$1,500 to do a 15-minute radio broadcast over one of the major networks. Ernie refused to do the show claiming that he "was scared to death" of a microphone.

However—and this is one of the incidents that made the shortish, balding correspondent the idol of the GIs—Ernie returned to Algiers one month later and spoke for 15 minutes over the soldier radio network, for free, of course.

The doughboys thought the world of Ernie because he always reported combat as experienced by the doughfoot himself—without resorting to

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ERNIE PYLE in an early photo.

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## New Surgery Chief Recalls Pacific Medic Hardships

"The wounded American soldier in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater of Operations is receiving medical treatment as good as that received at home," Lt. Col. Edward S. Stafford, new chief of the McGuire Surgical Service, revealed today.

Col. Stafford, who assumed his new duties on April 12, served 33 months overseas in New Zealand, Fiji and Assam, India, as assistant chief and chief surgeon with the 18th General Hospital.

Soldiers were not the only members of the armed forces undergoing treatment at the 18th, Col. Stafford added. When they first set up on Fiji Island, the patients were made up of entirely all Navy and Marine casualties from the Solomons and Guadalcanal.

"During lulls between active periods," the colonel continued, "we spent a great deal of time teaching and operating in the medical school run by the British Colonial government for native Fijians and the Colonial War Memorial Hospital at

Suva, capital of Fiji."

The native students, known as native medical practitioners (NMPs) were extremely anxious to learn and at the completion of their courses returned to their native islands where they were the only doctors available. Health conditions on these Pacific islands were believed to have improved considerably as a result of these classes, Col. Stafford disclosed.

Returning to the States by way of India, Egypt and North Africa, Col. Stafford journeyed by plane more than three-quarters of the way around the globe. "Fifteen thousand miles on those bucket seats isn't what it's cracked up to be," the colonel added.

A graduate of Johns Hopkins University Medical School in Baltimore, Col. Stafford, during his civilian career, served as an Associate in Surgery at Johns Hopkins.

Col. Stafford's wife, Frances L., and their three children live in Baltimore, Md.

A. Ichards, Dewry Jackson, Post Engineer; Charles Henley, Walter T. Smith, Motor Pool; Bertha Perkins, Lucille B. Horton, Admission and Disposition; Geraldine Walker, Finance Department; Helen L. Crowder, Rose L. Bates, Sylvia Gordon, James T. Strayhorn, Loretta M. Swanson, Supply Division; Thelma Wilkinson, Military Personnel; Lucille W. Harper, Dental Clinic; Elizabeth A. Lewis, X-Ray; Joyce Ann McCann, Civilian Personnel; Genevieve Clements, Red Cross Office.

## Chapel Schedule

### PROTESTANT

Sunday Service ..... 9:30 a.m.  
Lenten Service ..... Wed., 6:30 p.m.

### CATHOLIC

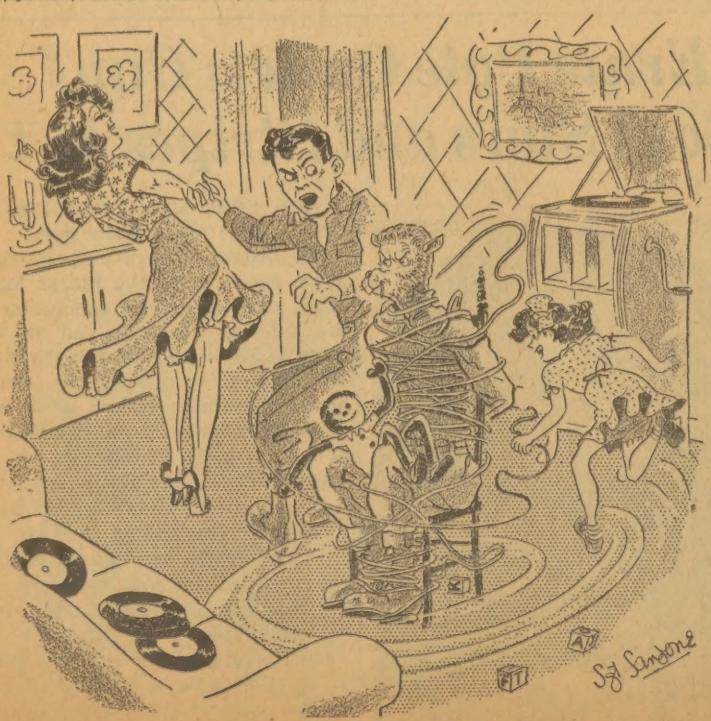
Sunday Mass ..... 8:30, 10:30 a.m.

### JEWISH

Friday Services ..... 6:45 p.m.

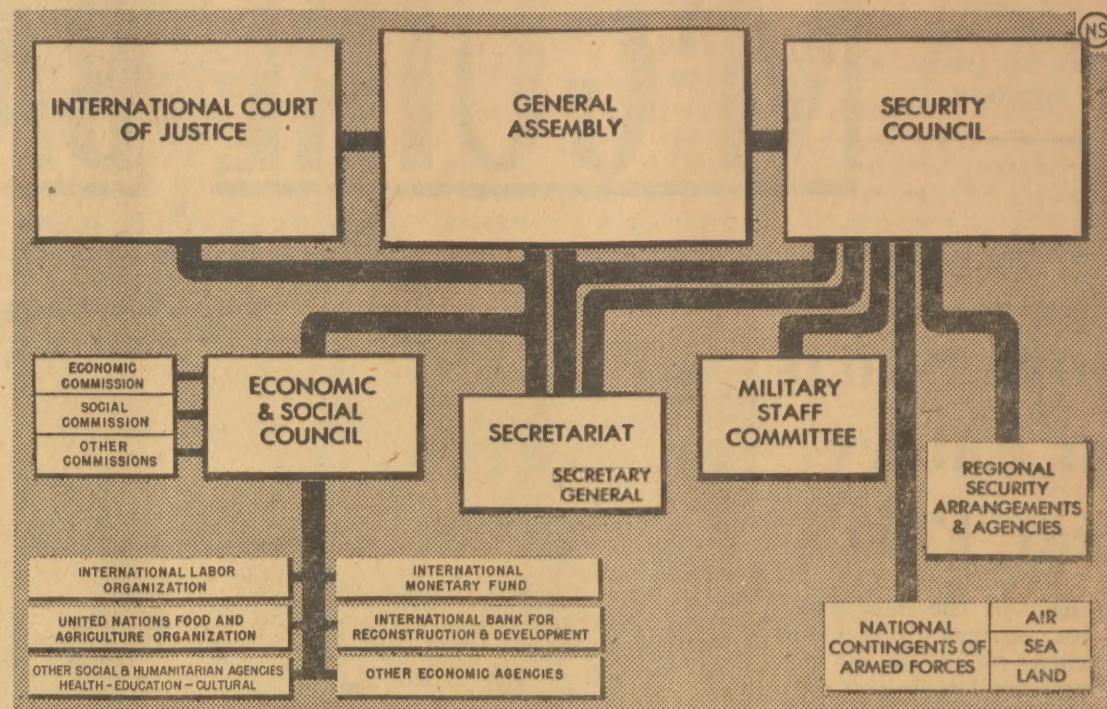
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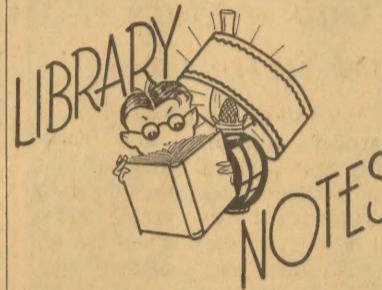


by Sansone

## The Dumbarton Oaks Proposals



This chart shows the framework for a World Security Organization as outlined in the Dumbarton Oaks Proposals—a series of recommendations agreed upon by representatives of the United States, Great Britain, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and China in October, 1944. On April 25, at San Francisco, representatives of more than 40 United Nations will meet to consider these proposals and to draft a charter for the World Security Organization. The proposals are not binding and may be amended by the delegates to the San Francisco Conference. The Proposals for Regional Security Arrangements and Agencies; National Contingents of Armed Forces and the 6 sub-divisions under the Economic and Social Council (as shown in the chart) were tentative and the matter was left in the hands of the delegates.



(Patients are urged to contribute to the weekly column by giving their opinions of books in the hospital library. Book reviews written by patients have been of growing interest to BANNER readers.)

At one end of the library is a rack filled with current issues of popular magazines—to be read while in the library. From *Aero-Digest* to *Yank*, there is something to suit every taste.

For the sportsman there are *Field and Stream* and *Outdoor Life*. The April numbers of both magazines, by the way, have the fishing laws for 1945.

The *American Good Housekeeping*, *Collier's*, *Liberty*, *Redbook*, *Cosmopolitan*, and *Saturday Evening Post* combine fiction with articles on topics of the day.

*Collier's* for April 21 has as its main feature "The Cost of Lasting Peace," by Harold E. Stassen, former governor of Minnesota, Commander in the United States Navy, and delegate to the San Francisco conference.

For interesting facts about people in the news, be they college presidents, movie actresses, baseball players, authors, statesmen, *Current Biography* is good reading. The *Atlantic* and *Harper's* have devoted followers. An article well worth anyone's time and, in fact, one which should not be missed, is "The Veteran's Runaround," by Charles G. Bolte, in the April number of *Harper's*.

*Esquire*, *Life*, *Time*, and *Newsweek* are familiar to all. The *New Yorker*, with its own brand of sophisticated humor, has a definite place. Magazines covering various subject fields are—*Popular Mechanics*, *Popular Science*, and *Scientific American*; *Camera*, *Popular Photography*, *Radio News*; *Theatre Arts*, *Billboard*, and *Variety*; *Magazine of Art*, *Downbeat*, *Musical America*. There are numerous others which can be seen by visiting the library. The GI even reads *Harper's Bazaar*, usually thought of as the magazine for smart women!

—MARY NOLTING

## Bars and Stripes

### TO FIRST LIEUTENANT

2d Lt. Veronica A. Schweers  
2d Lt. Ivy A. Bosworth  
2d Lt. Irene M. Schede



They tell us the artificial limb shop will be a big thing and here are a couple of items to bear out that fact:

Pvt. Richard Rosenberger as a hungry civilian secured a job making limbs with a Washington, D. C., firm that worked rather closely with high Medical Department officials. Dick became skilled at the work, but he was only human and it soon came time for his service call. Some of these officials, who he knew by this time, were eager to see him don khaki, but having a choice he joined the navy.

For three days he was a full fledged gob at Bainbridge when orders came through transferring him to the army and some of Dick's most embarrassing moments were spent at the Ft. Meade reception center, where he lined up with the rest of

the rookies—in his sailor suit!

Incidentally somebody at the McGuire publicity department is slipping. When Rosey shipped here he asked a yokel where it was and this is the answer he received, "I don't know but I think it's a Catholic school on the other side of town the army took over for a hospital"!!!

The second item concerns Pvt. Charles Clack, who also had civilian experience making artificial limbs, only his came from working in his father's Philadelphia works. Charley, who was transferred here from the Air Transport Command, is now temporarily back in Philly going to school.

M-Sgt. Ewald Kainer, sergeant major, earned his hash mark last week—married to Colonel Jolliffe's secretary three whole years.

# GIs Qualified for UNRRA Jobs Rate Quick Discharge

An urgent need for civilians to aid in the handling of needy and displaced persons in Europe has prompted the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration to seek qualified GIs, preferably more than 30 years old, for UNRRA jobs. These men will be discharged from the service if their applications are accepted.

## 'Monkeyshines' Pays Off - \$250 Cash Mark Hit

The breezy half-hour radio gag show, "Monkeyshines at McGuire," swings into its eleventh week this Friday with the airing of the 10th program. As a mark of respect to the late President, "Monkeyshines" and the Saturday "Open House at McGuire" shows of last week were cancelled.

"Monkeyshines," broadcast every Friday at 7:30 p. m. over WRNL from the stage of McGuire patients' recreation hall, has paid off about \$250 in cash awards to participants.

Gag suggestions submitted by any patient, if used, will net the suggestor a lucky two dollar bill. Gags may be given to Warde Adams, quiz master, any Friday evening before the show or submitted at any time to the Public Relations Office.

"Folding money" of varying amounts from one dollar up is collected by patients who take part in "Monkeyshines" gags. The show begins each Friday night with a pre-broadcast warmup at 7 p. m.

Paratrooper Pvt. Guy Harris and Medic Cpl. Harold Wiley, who met on a battlefield overseas and caught up with each other again in Ward 56 at McGuire, will tell their unique story this Saturday at 4:30 p. m. over WRVA in the 30-minute "Open House at McGuire" show, originally scheduled for last week. It will be "Open House's" 18th broadcast.

## On the Legit

Ottawa (CNS)—Charges of following in an automobile two girls riding in a street car were dismissed against Bill Reaney when the judge couldn't find a law against that in the books.

## Soldier Show Workshop Enlists RPI Aid In Teaching Ropes of Theater

Specialized training in theatrical production under professional instructors will be offered to all patients through the Special Services Soldier Show Workshop.

Lieutenant John J. Berman, special services officer, today announced that the Richmond Professional Institute of the College of William and Mary would provide teachers for all branches of theater activity.

"As each patient signifies his desire to participate in the Soldier Show Workshop, he will be requested to indicate whether or not he would like to study acting, directing, script writing, costume design or scenic construction," stated Lt. Berman.

"Should a patient desire to obtain fundamental or advanced training in one or more of these subjects, we will immediately contact Professor Raymond Hodges, director of the Department of Dramatic Art of the Institute and arrange for the necessary specialized instruction. In most cases, the patient will receive this training at the Studio Theater located in downtown Richmond which possesses many facilities for study and practical application."

Actors and technicians will be urged to participate in the productions of the Institute as well as assist in the entertainment presented by the Soldier Show Workshop.

Opportunity is also offered for drama therapy. Training in these courses will qualify the patient to assist in the educational reconditioning program in Army hospitals.

Positions which "must be filled at the earliest possible date" include director and assistant director of assembly centers, administrative supply and storage officers, stewards, administrative assistants, accountants and financial officers. Salaries range from \$3,000 to \$8,000 per year and employment will be for a "period of one year or longer if required."

College graduation is preferred, but not required as is one language other than English. Successful candidates must be of tough fibre and physically fit for overseas duty.

Those interested in applying for UNRRA jobs have been asked to write to the Director of Personnel, UNRRA Headquarters, Dupont Circle Bldg., Washington, D. C. Further information may be obtained by consulting War Department memorandum 620-45.

Officers, warrant officers and enlisted women will also be considered for such posts.

## On Again, Off Again

GI khaki gains the spotlight again on May 1 when the summer uniform becomes official on-duty wear.

Third Service Command previously set the period of May 1 to May 15 for optional wear of khakis, allowing post commanders to determine dates for mandatory wear. Until May 15, however, personnel may continue to wear ODs off the post.

## Oregon Poll

A referendum in Oregon on certain taxes on property and on the sale of cigarettes has been announced. Soldiers wishing to vote must submit war ballots for receipt by June 16.

War ballot applications may be obtained from Lt. Morrison, soldier voting officer, in the A & D building.

In addition to theatrical arts and crafts, the Soldier Show Workshop will also present courses in allied arts. Plans are underway for a series of classes in radio production, writing and microphone technique. The facilities of WRVA, 50,000 watt CBS affiliate in Richmond will be available for demonstration.



## 'Ernie Pyle Quite A Guy' -- Stars And Stripes Vet

(Continued from page 1) theatrical adjectives and color. When the soldiers revealed that their battlefield was the "lousiest, stinking hole in the world," Ernie said it was just that. When the GI said the mud was four-feet deep, Ernie's copy wouldn't read "eight" or "two," but "four feet."

Although Ernie ran into and wrote many an amusing anecdote about frontline soldiers, Pyle himself didn't think for one moment that there was anything humorous about war. He hated war.

We recall one evening in Algiers having dinner with Ernie and Ken Crawford, of Newsweek, at the Aletti Hotel. Both correspondents had just returned from the front and of course their main conversation topic of the evening was the war. Throughout the entire evening the two correspondents emphatically damned the whole idea of man killing man and crippling man. They were both positive that night that they had had their "belly-full of war."

However, only a few days later both Ernie and Ken had returned to the front to do the job they hated — but which they knew was their duty.

Ernie's accurate reporting of the news, in which he reported just about every minute detail imaginable, frightened away many a public

## Big Bonds Are Stakes in Army Script Competition

Closing date for the army's Soldier Shows Script Contest has been set for August 31, according to an announcement by the Third Service Command Special Services Division.

The contest, open to all military personnel within the continental limits of the United States, is an attempt to

uncover original full-length musical shows suitable for publishing as a "Blueprint Special"—show scripts which are distributed to units here and overseas.

Prizes include a \$100 War Bond for the best manuscript, a \$50 Bond for the next best manuscript and three \$25 Bonds for each of the three next best.

Requirements and provisions for the contest are as follows: all material must be original, unpublished, except by military agencies, and owned exclusively by the entrant; the script must be within 90 minutes playing time; the show must be produced and performed during the period March 5 and August 31 in the U. S.; all musical scores must be included; photographs of sets and costumes — if available — and any publicity material should be included; the show may be printed and distributed to the armed forces whether it is awarded a prize or not; and the rights of all amateur civilian productions and distribution will be controlled by the author with royalty payable to entrant under conditions approved by him.

Individual entries should be submitted to the special services officer.

## 25 McGuire Stamp Collectors Form Club

McGuire's Stamp Club, although of very recent origin, already has an active membership of 25.

The members meet every Tuesday afternoon at 2 p. m. in their club room at the Post Theater. Chief Stamper Cpl. Allan Bair usually presides over the short business meeting preceding the bull session on stamps and more stamps.

Membership in the McGuire club is open to any patient or member of the hospital staff. Necessary requirements are an interest in stamp collecting and occasional attendance at club meetings.

## Supply Technician Sworn Into WAC

Central Supply's civilian technician, Mrs. Cyrene Esther Lawrence, was officially sworn into the Women's Army Corps last Thursday and will report for basic training within a week. Upon completion of basic, Pvt. Lawrence will attend the Army school for training as a Surgical Technician.



THIRTY-FOUR TIMES the big bomber had roared over German cities with Lt. William F. Giglio, Ward 16, in the co-pilot's seat—and 34 times he returned safely to England. One more round trip and Lt. Giglio would return to the United States on leave, his tour of duty completed. But it wasn't in the cards. Lt. Giglio came back from his 35th mission—after four months in a German prison hospital where his right leg was amputated. Lt. Giglio has been joined here by his wife, and together they spend hours planning for all the things they have missed.

But Ernie wasn't built that way. With a twinkle in his eyes Ernie teased: "I'm mighty happy to meet up again with all my friends—but you can be damn sure I'd much rather be in Miami or New York!"

This style of frankness endeared Ernie to millions of GIs in combat areas throughout the world. There'll be many an unashamed tear shed on combat uniforms when they read of Ernie Pyle's final "30."

## Post Theater

Week of Thursday, April 19. Shows start at 6:15 and 8:15 p. m. Sunday matinee 2 p. m. Patients not admitted to 8:15 shows.

THURSDAY — "Salty O'Rourke," with Alan Ladd, Gail Russell.

SATURDAY — "The Picture of Dorian Gray," with George Sanders, Hurd Hatfield.

SUNDAY — "The Horn Blows at Midnight," with Jack Benny, Alexis Smith.

TUESDAY — "High Powered," with Robert Lowery, Phyllis Brooks.

WEDNESDAY — No program scheduled.

## Engineers Seek Qualified EM To Attend OCS

Unit commanders, both in the United States and overseas, who have within their command men qualified to attend the Engineer Officer Candidate School at Ft. Belvoir, Va., are urged by the Office, Chief of Engineers, to accept applications from these men even though they haven't been assigned a quota. Qualified candidates from overseas particularly are desired, and, upon acceptance, either will be trained in the theater or returned to this country to attend the school at Ft. Belvoir.

While an increasing number of Engineer enlisted men in the theaters of operations are earning direct commissions, this source falls "far short" of providing enough Engineer officers to meet the needs imposed by what often has been termed "an Engineers' War."

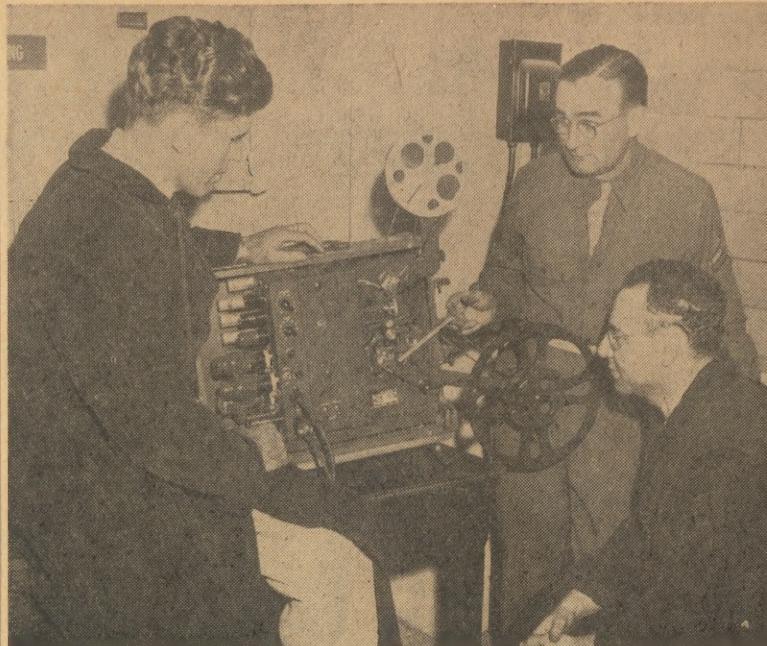
To aid unit commanders in determining whether a man is qualified to attend Engineer OCS, 2 general yardsticks may be applied: (1) leadership and ability to manage men and (2) such education or military or civil experience as will reasonably insure the candidate's satisfactory completion of the course.

Educational and experience qualifications in order of preference are: (a) graduate of an engineering college or technical institute or university; (b) one or more years of engineering college or technical institute or other college training; (c) special mechanical or engineering knowledge, obtained through practical experience, which is equivalent to graduation from an engineering college or technical institute; (d) high school graduate in a course which included algebra and plane geometry.

## Soft Seats Soon

Installation of 350 individual-type theater seats in the McGuire Post Theater will take place as soon as a AA-2 Priority is authorized by the War Department, according to Lt. Remley, chief of the purchasing branch.

The seats will consist of plywood backs, upholstered seats and metal frames to take the place of the current wood-benches.



ONCE UPON A TIME Cpl. Ed Sweeney spent his afternoons toting around a hefty projector and reels of the latest films to be shown patients in wards. Now he's got it on a mass production basis. For Educational Reconditioning figured that patients don't only like to see movies—they'd like to run them too. So Ed teaches a class open to any ambulatory patient who wants movie projection as his reconditioning activity. Then the patients show the pictures in the wards and everyone's content.

## Intra-Post and League Play Burden Girl Softballers

Twenty girls, among them cadet nurses, Wacs, nurses and civilians, have been selected as candidates for the McGuirettes softball team this summer, it was announced today by Lt. Clare Crapo, manager-coach.

The girls were chosen by Lt. Crapo, herself a star in the Richmond Dixie league last year, from among candidates who appeared in response to a call.

for players issued to the four groups on the post. Although they'll play one night a week with the McGuirettes, the girls also will perform on the team representing their group when intra-post softball competition gets underway.

The squad includes Jean Hare, Dorothy Barmoy, Mary Forcellini and Mildred Blitva, cadet nurses; Pat McGinley, Alice Kliendienst, Helen Miller and Mary Jane King, nurses; Miriam Poore, Marilyn Kalkut, Anna Barlas, Mary Keeley and Cecilia Gaudet, Wacs, and Sarah Shahinian, Florence Andrews, Ida Brittain, Nettie Newsome, Christine Hines, Barbara Hines and Doris Viar, civilians.

Practice sessions will be held at least two nights a week until the season opens Wednesday, May 9, Lt. Crapo said. The McGuirettes will play in the Richmond Rebel league.

"I'm not figuring on any practice games before the regular league season opens," Lt. Crapo said. "We might play against one of the intra-post teams, but I'm not planning any outside competition. We're sort of dark-horses in the league and there's no percentage, as I see it, in showing what we've got until the regular schedule starts."

"From the way things look now, we'll have a good team which will be right up among the league leaders when the season ends. We might not win, but we'll make it tough for the team that does."

The McGuirettes will play one night a week in the league, with the possibility of additional games occasionally against other teams in the immediate vicinity.

## WAC Hospital Recruiting Goal Completed Full Month Before Plan

The Army has completed its February-to-May recruiting program for Women's Army Corps hospital technicians almost a full month ahead of schedule, the War Department announced today.

The entire initial quota, plus an additional 15 per cent authorized in March for expanding Army Medical Department needs, has been met.

Virtually all women enlisted in the WAC since February 1 have chosen and have met the requirements for hospital service.

In announcing the successful completion of the WAC hospital program, the War Department emphasized the fact that it would

be necessary to continue the recruitment and training of administrative and technical WAC personnel. In order that they may be utilized efficiently under changing conditions, however, all recruiting will be for general assignment.

General assignment recruiting means that the woman who enlists in the Army will be assigned to her job on the basis of the classification given her at the training center and the needs of the service as they arise. She will be classified according to her skills and aptitudes, but for whatever branch of the Army and at whatever post she may be needed.

## Smaller Generals Squad Faces First Opposition

Although playing facilities still are unavailable on the post, the McGuire Generals softball team slowly is rounding into shape and promises to be a powerful contender in the Richmond Municipal league this summer.

"We've only been practicing a week, but from the way things are stacking up we'll have a strong ball club this year," Manager-Coach Bob Conway said today.

"I'm a little surprised that more candidates for the team haven't showed up. We're a bit short on quantity, but the quality of the players who've been out certainly is on a par with last year's squad members."

"We finished in second place in virtually the same league last year, and unless the caliber of the competition has improved a great deal more than I expect, we'll be right up at the top again this summer. We have the makings of a real ball club."

Conway has a squad of 20 men working out three or four nights a week at Fonticello park. The first practice game was scheduled last night but was cancelled because of wet grounds. Others will be played prior to the opening of league play on Tuesday, May 8.

All positions on the team are open, Conway emphasized again. The entire 20-man squad will see action in the exhibition games which Conway figures will give him a better line on the material at hand than the customary batting and fielding drills.

"I'm a great believer in competition," the coach declared. "A fellow will put out a lot more when he's got something at stake and I'm going to schedule just as many games as possible."

Members of the squad, in addition to Conway, who likely will play shortstop himself, are Larry Roffman, Walt Anypowic, Cy Miller, Liborio (Zoot Suit) Balsamo, Bill Allison, Johnny Atmankil, Bill Cronin, Charlie Coggins, Bob Morris, Bob Crumpler, Ed Kainer, Sid Diamond, Al Bianco, Alex Marks, Charley Wolf, Bob Schimpf, Johnny Sheppard and Phil Weinstein.

Original plans for the softball season called for the Generals to play all home games on the post field. However, construction work has not been started on outdoor athletic facilities and it may be necessary to schedule the tilts at one of the Richmond parks. All games slated for after dark will of necessity be played at Byrd park, as was the case last year.

## MGH Swimmers Eligible for City Tourney in June

A series of swimming meets, in which McGuire military and civilian personnel have been invited to compete, will be held in Richmond from June 25 through July 1, Lt. John J. Berman, special services officer, said today.

The meets, under the auspices of the Recreation Division of the Bureau of Parks and Recreation in Richmond, will be held at Shields Lake in Byrd Park. Officers and enlisted men are eligible to enter, according to Lt. Berman, who urged men interested to contact his office immediately.

Saturday, June 30, tentatively has been set aside as "Army Day" with events exclusively for army personnel. Trophies and other prizes will be awarded.

Several professional swimmers, including Buster Crabbe, have been engaged as feature attractions.

Some people call her "Income Tax" because she's such a staggering figure.

She had a Supreme Court figure anyway—no appeal.

## MAULDIN FOR DELEGATE?

Washington (CNS)—The Army Times, a civilian publication, has advanced the suggestion that cartoonist Sgt. Bill Mauldin be sent to the San Francisco World Security conference to represent the "Fox-Hole Fraternity." Sgt. Mauldin, the paper said, would be an ideal representative "of every tired, unshaven fighting man in our armed forces."

Captain: "I hope the next time I see you, you will be a second lieutenant."

Sergeant: "Yes, sir; thank you sir; the same to you sir."

## Male Call

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## Just Keep The Suit, Bub

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